

Application No. 09/884,949  
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**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended): A water-in-oil emulsion, comprising an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase with the aid of a silicone emulsifier, wherein:
  - (1) said aqueous phase is present in an amount of at least 80% by weight relative to the total weight of said oil-in-water emulsion;
  - (2) said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 5; and
  - (3) said emulsifier is a dimethicone copolyol ~~comprising in which the only oxyethylene groups as oxyalkylene groups are oxyethylene groups.~~

2. (Currently Amended): A composition, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase with the aid of a silicone emulsifier, wherein:

- (1) said aqueous phase is present in an amount of at least 80% by weight relative to the total weight of said composition;
- (2) said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 5; and
- (3) said emulsifier is a dimethicone copolyol ~~comprising in which the only oxyethylene groups as oxyalkylene groups are oxyethylene groups.~~

3. (Original): The composition according to Claim 2, which has a viscosity, measured using a Rheomat 180 viscometer at a shear rate of 200 s<sup>-1</sup> and at 25 °C, ranging from 0.15 Pa·s to 20 Pa·s.

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4. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 2, which comprises at least 70% by weight water relative to the total weight of the composition.

5. (Original): The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said emulsifier is present in an amount ranging from 0.5% to 6% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

6. (Original): The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said oily phase is present in an amount ranging from 10% to 18% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

7. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 8.

8. (Original): The composition according to Claim 2, wherein said oily phase comprises one or more volatile silicone oils.

9. (Currently Amended): A method for treating, protecting, caring for, removing make-up from and/or cleansing the skin, the lips and/or the hair, and/or for making up the skin and/or the lips, said method comprising:

applying a composition, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase with the aid of a silicone emulsifier, wherein:

(1) said aqueous phase is present in an amount of at least 80% by weight relative to the total weight of said composition;

(2) said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 5; and

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(3) said emulsifier is a dimethicone copolyol ~~comprising in which the only oxyethylene groups as oxyalkylene groups~~ are oxyethylene groups to the skin, the lips and/or the hair of a subject in need thereof.

10. (Original): The method of Claim 9, wherein said composition has a viscosity, measured using a Rheomat 180 viscometer at a shear rate of 200 s<sup>-1</sup> and at 25°C, ranging from 0.15 Pa·s to 20 Pa·s.

11. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein said composition comprises at least 70% by weight water relative to the total weight of the composition.

12. (Original): The method of Claim 9, wherein said emulsifier is present in an amount ranging from 0.5% to 6% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

13. (Original): The method of Claim 9, wherein said composition comprises said oily phase in an amount ranging from 10% to 18% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

14. (Original): The method of Claim 9, wherein in said composition said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 8.

15. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 9, wherein in said composition said oily phase comprises one or more volatile silicone oils.

16. (Currently Amended): A method for treating, protecting, caring for, removing make-up from, making up, and/or cleansing greasy skin, said method comprising:  
applying a composition, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase with the aid of a silicone emulsifier, wherein:

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- (1) said aqueous phase is present in an amount of at least 80% by weight relative to the total weight of said composition;
- (2) said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 5; and
- (3) said emulsifier is a dimethicone copolyol ~~comprising in which the only oxyethylene groups as oxyalkylene groups~~ are oxyethylene groups to greasy skin of a subject in need thereof.
17. (Original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said composition has a viscosity, measured using a Rheomat 180 viscometer at a shear rate of 200 s<sup>-1</sup> and at 25°C, ranging from 0.15 Pa·s to 20 Pa·s.
18. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 16, wherein said composition comprises at least 70% by weight water relative to the total weight of the composition.
19. (Original) The method of Claim 16, wherein said emulsifier is present in an amount ranging from 0.5% to 6% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
20. (Original): The method of Claim 16, wherein said composition comprises said oily phase in an amount ranging from 10% to 18% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
21. (Original): The method of Claim 16, wherein in said composition said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 8.
22. (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 16, wherein in said composition said oily phase comprises one or more volatile silicone oils.

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23. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one lower alcohol.

24. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising ethanol.

25. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one polyol.

26. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising glycerol.

27. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising propylene glycol.

28. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising at least one electrolyte.

29. (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 1, further comprising sodium chloride.

30. (New): A composition consisting of a water-in-oil emulsion, comprising an aqueous phase dispersed in an oily phase with the aid of a silicone emulsifier, wherein:

(1) said aqueous phase is present in an amount of at least 80% by weight relative to the total weight of said oil-in-water emulsion;

(2) said oily phase and said emulsifier are present in a weight ratio of said oily phase to said emulsifier greater than or equal to 5; and

(3) said emulsifier is a dimethicone copolyol consisting essentially of oxyethylene groups as oxyalkylene groups.